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Dan Flowers has been the President and CEO of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank since 2003. During his tenure, the Foodbank has experienced significant growth, increasing food distribution to more than 28.8 million pounds in 2016. Dan led the Foodbank through a building expansion project and into a newly renovated facility in 2007. Under his leadership, the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank became the 2012 Foodbank of the Year, the highest recognition achievable by food banks across the nation in the Feeding America network. Most recently, the Foodbank received its third NorthCoast99 award, recognized as one of Northeast Ohio's best places to work.

Dan is the former vice-chairman of Feeding America's elected National Affiliate Council (NAC) and is the immediate past Chairman of the Ohio Association of Food Bank's Board of Directors. He is also a member of the Aultman Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, WKSU Community Advisory Council, and the Summit County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Directors. Dan is a proud graduate of Leadership Akron Class XXII.

After serving as a Congressional Intern for U.S. 5th House District Rep. Dale E. Kildee, Dan was hired as a Grant Writer by the Foodbank of Eastern Michigan where he was to later become the Director of Agency Relations. Prior to moving to Ohio, he was employed by the Northrop Grumman Company as Director of Administration for the federally funded Job Corps Center in Flint, MI.

Dan resides in Akron with his wife, Holly, and their three children, Andrew, Jonathan, and Mary. He is an avid reader, runner, bow hunter, video gamer, and martial artist (holding a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and a blue belt in Brazilian Jiu-jitsu) and a regular columnist for Smart Business Magazine.